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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN DONATES RELIEF SUPPLIES TO PALESTINIANS

IN LEBANON

1. PAK ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND VERNACULAR PRESS JANUARY 22 FRONT PAGE STORY THAT GOP IS SENDING RELIEF SUPPLIES TO BEIRUT BY WAY OF DAMASCUS FOR USE BY THE PALESTINIANS AFFECTED BY CURRENT FIGHTING IN LEBANON. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, MFA DIRECTOR (MIDDLE EAST) S. K. LEGARI CONFIRMED STORES AND ADDED THAT ABOUT \$20 THOUSAND WORTH OF BLOOD PLASMA, MEDICINE AND CLOTHING WILL BE AIRLIFTED FROM PAKISTAN THROUGH THE PAK RED CRESCENT SOCIETY BEGINNING JANUARY 24. LEGARI ADDED THAT YASSER ARAFAT HAD RECENTLY FOLLOWED UP WITH A LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND EARLIER PLEA BY LOCAL PLO REP FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE. PLO HAD MADE SIMILAR APPEALS TO OTHER MUSLIM COUNTRIES, DIRECTOR SAYS, AND AT LEAST EGYPT AND ONE OTHER COUNTRY HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED WITH AID.

2. LEGARI, WHO CALLED ASSISTANCE PURELY HUMANITARIAN, CLAIMED THAT IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT PAKISTAN IS TAKING SIDES IN THE LEBANON DESPUTE. WHILE HE CALLED THE CURRENT SITUATION VERY GRIM, HE VOICED THE HOPE THAT CURRENT SYRIAN ATTEMPTS AT MEDIATION WOULD RESULT IN A CEASE FIRE SO THAT NO OUTSIDE INTERVENTION WOULD

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